

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of February 14, 2008. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter in this application, with claims 3-6, 8, and 10-21 being indicated to be free of the prior art. Claim 8 is cancelled, without prejudice to its reassertion in a divisional application. Claim 21 is amended to overcome a antecedent basis problem. This is a formalistic, non-narrowing amendment. Claims 3-6 and 10-21 are now pending in the application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, claims 3-6, 8, and 10-21 were rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as failing to define the invention properly. Claims 3 and 8 were said to be mutually inconsistent. Claim 3 relates to compositions which contain a radical generating crosslinking agent, while claim 8 employs an epoxy compound as a crosslinker. In order to resolve this inconsistency, claim 8 is cancelled from the present application, rendering this ground of rejection moot. (Applicant intends to pursue the invention of claim 8 in a divisional application.) Claim 21 was said to lack proper antecedent basis for its reference to “said post-crosslinkable thermoplastic resin.” The claim has been reworded to provide clear antecedent basis for that recitation. Withdrawal of the rejection of record with respect to claim 21 is in now order and is earnestly solicited.

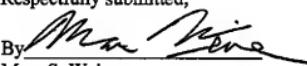
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Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallagher, Reg. No. 28,781, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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